

U.S. COAST GUARD AIR STATION
CAPE COD, MASSACHUSETTS

The U.S. Coast Guard Air Station of Cape Cod, Massachusetts operates jet aircraft and helicopters in support of a wide variety of Coast Guard missions, including search and rescue, law enforcement, and marine environmental protection. It is the second largest unit in the Coast Guard with more than 500 employees. The Air Station also is responsible for the administration and maintenance of a 2,200-resident military housing community that serves the Coast Guard, Army, Navy, Air Force, and other. For 7 years, the facility has been committed to an environmental program that focuses on four main areas:

Compliance/Pollution Prevention, Recycling and Affirmative Procurement, Natural Resource Protection, and Public/Community Involvement. The Air Station has demonstrated its commitment to this program through significant hazardous waste and solid waste reductions.

AT A GLANCE

Industry Sector:	Public Facilities
Business:	Operate and maintain military aircraft
Facility Employees:	500-1,000
Accomplishments:	Reduced hazardous waste Reduced solid waste
2003 Commitments:	Reduce air emissions Reduce energy use Reduce hazardous waste Reduce solid waste
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ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

Past Accomplishments

The Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod has demonstrated its commitment to environmental performance through reducing waste generation. Since 1997, the facility has:

- **Reduced hazardous waste generation** by 54% through various measures, such as product substitution, recycling, and process management changes including development of a hazardous materials inventory system.
- **Reduced solid waste generation** by eliminating 100,000 pounds of food waste from the facility waste stream through a collaborative effort with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and a local family farmer.

Future Commitments

The air station also committed to continued environmental improvement through additional reductions in waste generation, as well as lowering its air emissions and energy use. By 2003, the facility will:

- **Reduce emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOC)** by 5 tons through replacement of solvent parts cleaners, introduction of alternative fuel vehicles, and use of low VOC paints.
- **Reduce total energy use** by 50% through education, engineering controls, and the use of energy-efficient products.
- **Increase hazardous waste awareness throughout the community** by establishing regional household hazardous waste collection events to encourage proper disposal of hazardous waste.

- **Further reduce solid waste** by 300 tons through recycling, composting, and education.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Air Station Cape Cod commits to the environmental health of its housing residents and is highly active in regional environmental planning. As a member of the Community Working Group, chartered by the Massachusetts Secretary of Environmental Affairs, the Air Station participates in developing policies to protect and preserve environmentally sensitive areas and drinking water supplies from potentially adverse activities.